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Oh, lift no sword again,—
 Mother and daughter! Shed no more the blood
 That from one kindred fountain fills your veins,
 Show the poor heathen in earth's darkest place
 The glory of your faith by its sweet fruits
 Of peace and charity.—So, may ye stand
 Each on her pedestal that breasts the surge,
 Until the strong Archangel, with his feet
 On sea and land, shall toll the knell of time.

PEACE PUBLICATIONS REQUESTED FOR MISSIONARIES AT THE WEST.

The following application, so timely and so welcome, we commend, especially at a time like the present, to the serious consideration of all friends of peace, but particularly of those who are interested in Home Missions.

New York, May 22, 1846.

REV. GEORGE C. BECKWITH,

DEAR BROTHER,—You have been offering the Publications of the Peace Society to ministers of the Gospel at so low a rate, that it might seem that every one could easily possess himself of so desirable an auxiliary in his work, as an ambassador of the Prince of Peace. And yet, there are some nine hundred to a thousand missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society, scattered over twenty-six different States and Territories of the Union, the most of whom will not, I suppose, see these publications, unless they can, in some way, be put into their hands as a gratuity. The larger portion of the missionaries who should receive your publications, would, I doubt not, preach to their own people discourses in favor of Peace, enriched and made effective by the appropriate and valuable materials thus furnished them; and many of these discourses would be likely to be repeated in the communities where the missionaries occasionally labor. The interest, also, which would be awakened in their own minds on this subject, and their intelligence in regard to it in all its bearings, would have an important influence, in various other ways, in promoting peace on earth, and good will among men.

I wish to inquire, therefore, whether it is not possible for your Society, in some way, to secure the generous contributions of philanthropic and Christian men for the accomplishment of such an object as I have suggested. I cannot doubt it would be the means of great good. There is at the present time especially, a desire among ministers to bring the sub-

jects of Peace and War fully and impressively before their people; and I need not say to you, nor need it be said to any Christian, whose ears are open to the war-cry which now floats on every breeze, that there is great need of it. But, those who have few books, and are not able therefore to go into the history of the past, as they would like in discussing such subjects, are led to hesitate and defer, till the season most hopeful for a strong impression is past.

If, in addition to furnishing the missionaries with your publications for their own use, you could, also, supply them with some of your best tracts for gratuitous distribution wherever they go, it cannot be questioned that good seed would be sown in good ground, which would spring up and bring forth fruit, thirty, sixty and a hundred fold.

This Society is sending, during the summer season, to its missionaries in all parts of the West especially, and through its *Auxiliaries* and *Agencies*, would undertake the economical and judicious distribution of any quantity of your publications, that might be placed at its disposal.

Very affectionately, Yours,

MILTON BADGER, *Sec'y A. H. M. S.*

Our thanks are due to Dr. Badger for his proposal. It is the very thing we want most—the diffusion of intelligence on the subject of Peace all over the Great West, where we have as yet been able to do very little for want of funds. This opening is auspicious, and promises great good with a very small amount of means. With \$1000, we could send the cream of our publications, nearly all that any preacher would need or desire, not only to the 1000 missionaries of the Am. Home Missionary Society, but to nearly all the missionaries in our country. But, with our treasury *more* than exhausted, what shall we do? We have sent to the A. H. M. S. a number sufficient to begin with. Will the friends of Peace and of Home Missions let us long want the means requested for the full execution of this cheap and effective plan? Had the *whole* West been enlightened *in season* on this subject as New England already is, we should have had no war, or fear of war with England or Mexico; and will not those who have so much at stake on the restoration and continuance of peace, cheerfully aid us in this work? A benevolent lady, to whom the subject was mentioned, has promptly given *Thirty dollars*; and we hope others will soon follow this example, and send us *by mail*, as the thing should be done without delay, whatever they give for this specific object.

Tracts, &c., can be furnished in any quantity gratuitously if the friends of peace at a distance from Boston will point out to the Agent there the means of transportation.

GEORGE C. BECKWITH.